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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 concerning

opportunity for public comment on proposed collections of information, the Substance Abuse

and Mental Health Services Administration will publish periodic summaries of proposed

projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the

information collection plans, call the SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer at (240) 276-1243.

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collections of information are necessary for

the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall

have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed

collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information

to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on

respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of

information technology.

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Proposed Project: Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) Program Annual Report (OMB No. 0930-0205)—Revision

The Center for Mental Health Services awards grants each fiscal year to each of the states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands from allotments authorized under the PATH program established by Public Law 101-645, 42 U.S.C. 290cc-21 et seq., the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Amendments Act of 1990 (section 521 et seq. of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act) and the 21st Century Cures Act (114-255 Pub.L). Section 522 of the PHS Act and the 21st Century Cures Act require that the grantee states and territories must expend their payments under the Act solely for making grants to political subdivisions of the state, and to nonprofit private entities (including community-based veterans' organizations and other community organizations) for the purpose of providing services specified in the Act. Available funding is allotted in accordance with the formula provision of section 524 of the PHS Act.

This submission is for a revision of the current approval of the annual grantee reporting requirements. Section 528 of the PHS Act and the 21st Century Cures Act specify that not later than January 31 of each fiscal year, a funded entity will prepare and submit a report in such form and containing such information as is determined necessary for securing a record and description of the purposes for which amounts received under section 521 were expended during the preceding fiscal year and of the recipients of such amounts and determining whether such amounts were expended in accordance with statutory provisions.

The proposed changes to the PATH Annual Report are as follows:

1. Reporting on Contacts

To ensure that all contacts made by PATH providers are reflected in the report, a new question has been added that reports out on all contacts provided during the reporting period. The previous PATH Annual Report only reported on contacts through the date of enrollment.

2. Referrals provided

To align with the HMIS Data Standards, all PATH Referral response categories are now included in the PATH Annual Report.

3. HMIS Data Standards updates

When needed, field response options and questions have been updated to align with the most recent version of the HMIS Data Standards.

The estimated annual burden for these reporting requirements is summarized in the table below.

Respondents	Number of Respondents	Responses per Respondent	Burden per Response (Hrs.)	Total Burden
States	56	1	20	1,120
Local provider agencies	487	1	15	7,305
TOTAL	543			8,425

Send comments to Summer King, SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 15E57B, Rockville, MD 20857 <u>OR</u> e-mail her a copy at summer.king@samhsa.hhs.gov. Written comments should be received by [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

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